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ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL

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VI. Unfinished Business

1. Year Book of Prayer — Disposal of Unsold Stock
(Recommendation from the Woman's Board of Home Missions)

The following recommendation, presented to General Council last year but not acted upon, is resubmitted:

> "That in case there be an unsold surplus at the end of the year, the stock remaining shall be appraised at cost value and the Board or Boards holding it shall receive a rebate from the other Board or Boards equal to one-half the cost price of said surplus of Year Book of Prayer."

2. Magazine Subscription Day
(Question from the Board of the North West presented last year)

> "Is it a feasible plan to have a special magazine subscription day in the local society for both Home and Foreign Missionary Magazines? What month would be best?"

General Council agreed that as there was insufficient information at hand to decide whether it would be feasible to have a Special Magazine Subscription Day in local societies, this question could be taken up as

ad interim business." (See Minutes January 11,1919 p. 14)

Mrs. McAfee in asking that the above be placed on the docket says that she has made further inquiry and that both magazines approve the plan.

VII. New Business

1. Westminster Guild

a. Lantern Slides
(Question from Secretary for Westminster Guild)

"Will General Council make some ruling as to the financial arrangement regarding Westminster Guild slides, as to replacing the broken slides since the rental goes to the Board handling the set?"

b. Provisions for Carrying on Work.
(Recommendation from the Woman's Board of Home Missions)

In view of the fact that present officers and committees of General Council are to hold over until the business of the Annual Meeting of January 21,1920 has been completed and as Westminster Guild work will not be finished immediately after the meeting of General Council, since text books must be chosen, helps prepared, etc., it was recommended

"That General Council make special provisions for carrying on Westminster Guild work during the interval of readjustment of the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions."

2. Student Work
(Recommendations from Committee on Student Work)

a. Co-operation in Follow-Up Program

The Lifework Department of the Interchurch Movement is planning as a Follow-up Program of the Student Volunteer convention at Des Moines an expensive campaign in the colleges and High Schools throughout the country for volunteers for all forms of church work. This department is planning to cover 500 colleges and universities, in three day conferences, between February 15 and May 1, conducted by teams of five (three men, and two women). Student Committee, having been invited to cooperate in this campaign, would recommend to General Council, that it be authorized:
(a) To use its secretaries in this movement
(b) To expend if necessary what remains of its travel budget for this purpose.

b. Finances

The disparagement between the ending of the fiscal year of Student Committee, and of the Boards creates a financial embarrassment for the Treasurer of Student Committee, there being no funds available for conducting the work of Student Committee in the interim. Student Committee therefore recommends that it be allowed to retain any funds on hand March 15 to apply on the budget of the following year.

c. Co-operation with Board of Foreign Missions of Reformed Church

On November 1 and 3 a meeting was held by the Executive Committees and Boards of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches of America to discuss the forming of one Board of Foreign Missions in place of these five Boards. They realize that it is possible to co-operate at once in candidate work, and plans were made for common Headquarters, and a united rally at the Student Volunteer Convention at Des Moines. They also hope to have Field Secretaries who can appeal for the needs of all these Boards. They were interested to know that Presbyterian women had such a department in Student Committee. In view of this desire for closer co-operation in candidate work, on the part of the Foreign Mission Boards, Student Committee recommends that it be allowed to cooperate as far as possible as their plans develop.

d. Proposed Budget:-

Rent	$ 360.00
Salaries	4800.00
Travel	3600.00
Postage	150.00
Telegrams	75.00
Stenography	250.00
Stationary & Printing	300.00
Sundries	65.00
Total	$ 9500.00

3. Over Sea and Land

a. "Over Sea and Land Committee recommends that the Boards continue yet another year the one thousand dollars appropriated in former years for the support of the magazine."

b. Proposed Budget

Manufacturing and Circulating	$5500.00
Office expenses and stationery	150.00
Postage	50.00
Wrappers	150.00
Advertising	150.00
Salaries	3100.00
	$ 9100.00

Assets	
22,000 subscriptions at $.35	7700.00
Subsidy from Boards	1000.00
	$ 8700.00

"Possible deficit of $400., a sure deficit of $200."

4. Financing and Distributing Joint Publications.
(Recommendation from the New York Board.)

"That Secretaries of Literature of the Boards and Office Secretaries who have to do with the sending out of literature be reminded of the ruling of General Council that 'Literature shall be charged for at cost plus transportation.' (Minutes May 31, June 1, 1918, page 12)"

5. Consolidation of Magazines
(Recommendation from Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, Los Angeles, California)

"Whereas, we have found the consolidation of the Home and Foreign Prayer Calendar bound under one cover has met with favor because of its convenience and suitability for many reasons, especially for our monthly prayer meetings and for family devotion, we, the officers and members of the Missionary Society of the above mentioned church, do request that the Home Mission Monthly and Woman's Work be consolidated and appear under one cover for greater convenience to the reader and also as part of the New Era Movement and Jubilee Celebration."

6. "What and When"
(Recommendation from the Woman's Board of Home Missions)

"That, as several local organizations have made the request that our calendar of work entitled, What and When be made a joint publication to include both Home and Foreign Missions, the matter be submitted to General Council to know whether it would wish to take any action regarding it."

7. Agreement in Dates
(Question from North Pacific Board)

"Shall we make the year upon which the Standard of Excellence is reckoned agree with the date for returning of the report blanks:- namely, - March first; the only exception being the Treasurer's blanks?"

8. Equal Apportionments to Home and Foreign Synodical Societies
(Identical recommendation from the Home and Foreign Synodical Societies of Michigan.)
"Moves that this organization send up to General Council a request that they plan some way of sending equal apportionments, Home and Foreign, to the Synodical Society of Michigan."

9. Joint Field Secretaries for Young People's Work.
(Recommendation from the Woman's Board of Home Missions.)

"In view of requests from the synodical organizations of California and Tennessee for joint field secretaries for young people's work, the Woman's Board of Home Missions recommends to General Council that as an experiment in the work for young people such a joint field secretary be secured for the fiscal year 1920 to begin work in the synodical society of California.

That the work of this secretary include summer Conferences and winter Institutes for young people, and the promotion of all phases of young people's work through regular channels of the Woman's Boards of Missions.

That in order that there be the utmost cooperation such secretary keep in closest touch with secretaries at Board headquarters responsible for young people's work.

That General Council refer to a committee with power the selection and salary of such secretary, the method of arranging her itinerary and the persons or Departments to whom she shall render reports.

Should this experiment prove successful, the Woman's Board of Home Missions recommends that the principle of joint approach to young people's organizations be put into operation wherever possible."

10. A recommendation from the Unification Committee of the Foreign Boards regarding the future relationship of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

(This is not yet ready for the docket but will be mailed as promptly as possible)

MINUTES OF GENERAL COUNCIL

January 21, 1920

The Fifth Annual Meeting of General Council was held on Wednesday, January 21, 1920, at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, the Chairman, Mrs. Wm. E. Waters, presiding. The opening session was at 10:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL showed the following present:

Woman's Board of Home Missions

Miss V. May White, (alternate for Mrs. F. S. Bennett)
Mrs. J. E. McAfee, (alternate for Miss Annie Hyatt)
Mrs. H. C. Louderbough
Miss Mabel Gordon Parker
Miss Julia Fraser
Miss Anna Hallock

Woman's Board of Foreign Missions

Mrs. Wm. E. Waters, New York
Mrs. John Harvey Lee, Philadelphia
Mrs. Cleland B. McAfee, Northwest
Mrs. Rawlins Cadwalader, Occidental
Mrs. J. H. Lee, proxy for Mrs. John W. Goss, North Pacific
Mrs. H. Magill, accredited delegate from the Board of the Southwest

Alternate

Mrs. J. M. Harris, Philadelphia

Secretaries and Chairmen of Committees

Miss Margaret E. Hodge, Executive Secretary of Central Committee
Miss Mabel M. Sheibley, Assistant Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions
Miss Mary E. Allis, Secretary for Publications
Miss E. Jessie Ogg, Secretary for Westminster Guild
Miss Elinor K. Purves, Chairman of Committee on Student Work
Miss Jane E. Foster, Chairman of Committee on Over Sea and Land

Upon motion, Mrs. H. Magill, regularly accredited delegate from the Board of the Southwest, was given the privilege of the floor with vote.

Mrs. Waters opened the meeting with a brief devotional service.

MINUTES

Upon motion the reading of the minutes of the meeting of January 10, 11, 1919, was omitted as they had already been approved by the Boards.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Report of the Chairman - Mrs. Waters

"The report of the Chairman for the year 1919-1920, while it includes a number of committee meetings, is largely a report of correspondence necessary for carrying on the ad interim business of General Council with Boards and committees and with General Council secretaries.

"There has been much cofrespondence with regard to various matters connected with the New Era Movement, among them, the Four Months' Parallel Program and New

Era Institutes, The Summer Conferences of the Five Eastern Synods at Stony Brook, Long Island; the representation of Woman's Missionary Work at September and October meetings of Synods, a Woman's Department of the New Era Movement. In these and in other matters, wherever possible, the Woman's Boards have cooperated cordially in this great movement of the Presbyterian Church. In the matter of a Woman's Department of the New Era Movement, it seemed wise to ask, instead, for representation on its staff, of the Woman's Boards; a plan which has, thus far, worked out successfully for all concerned.

"The ad interim correspondence has included letters with regard to a Nominating Committee of General Council and with regard to a recommendation from the Missionary Conference at Chambersburg, Pa., relative to the appointment by the Presbyterian Boards of Missions of a joint secretary to organize mission work for boys; and, lastly, with regard to an ad interim committee totake over the business of General Council for the period elapsing between this meeting and the completion of the organization of the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions. The recommendations in this connection proposed by Mrs. F. S. Bennett, President of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, have been sent to all the Boards and adopted by them. These recommendations make unnecessary the election of a Nominating Committee of General Council. Following investigations with regard to a missionary organization for boys by the Presbyterian Church, it was learned that the Interchurch World Movement was planning a national movement for boys. In view of this possibility, it seemed wise for the Woman's Boards to defer for the present any definite action in this connection.

"The amount of correspondence for the year represented by the topics mentioned may seem slight. These topics, however, do not include everything which had come to the chairman's desk and an exhibit of two large filing boxes filled to bursting with General Council correspondence would refute such a supposition. It is, however, true, that the volume of correspondence this year has not equalled that of the year preceding.

"At this which may be the last meeting of General Council a word on its origin and achievement seems not unfitting. In November 1915 there was held at Chicago an epochmaking conference of Board officers and officers of Synodical and Presbyterial Societies of the Woman's Boards of Missions of the Presbyterian Church. This conference was due to the initiative of Mrs. F. S. Bennett, President of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and the close cooperation of Mrs. A. L. Berry, then President of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest.

"As a result of the Chicago Conference, General Council of the Woman's Boards of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. was organized, its purpose being 'to secure a larger vision of the mission work of Presbyterian women and to unify as far as possible the policies and methods of the Woman's Boards.'

"In the five years of its existence, during the first three of which Mrs. Bennett acted as chairman, General Council has served its purpose of unifying at the Home Base methods of work and of approach, thereby preventing a certain amount of confusion and overlapping in the work of the societies and helping to promote a sense of unity and of harmony in missionary effort in the Woman's Boards and in the societies auxiliary to them. The pioneer work in this direction having been accomplished, the machinery of General Council seems unnecessarily complicated and, if the organization continues, will requre, particularly if it is to meet adequately great movements of the Church, much readjustment. An opportunity for such reorganization is offered in connection with the formation of the new Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, with its headquarters in New York, making it possible for the Woman's Boards of Missions to formulate, in conference, a definite reorganization of the work of General Council, a reorganization adapted to a period when, as we hope, housed under the same roof, matters of common interest may be more quickly and satisfactorily disposed of than is now possible.

"In conclusion I wish as Chairman, to express my sincere appreciation of the faithful and very able work of the Secretary of General Council which has been characterized by unusual accuracy and unfailing promptness."

Report of the Secretary - Miss Parker

"The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of General Council, held January 10, 11, 1919, were sent to the Boards and all actions and recommendations therein recorded were unanimously approved.

"Ad Interim Business - The following matters of ad interim business have been presented during the year:

"Manual for Light Bearers - In February a request received from the Board of the Southwest asking 'the privilege of sending the Manual for Light Bearers and Little Light Bearers organizations free to the leaders of such groups for the space of a year', was granted without dissenting vote.

"Westminster Guild Report Blanks - In April the Westminster Guild Committee of the Executive Committee of Central Committee of the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions and the Westminster Guild Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions submitted the following:

"'Whereas, since the organization of the Westminster Guild there has been increasing difficulty in securing identical reports for the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions; various methods tried by Board, Synodical and Presbyterial officers not having secured the desired result, therefore be it recommended as an experiment for one year that four identical local blanks be sent in by the Presbyterial Westminster Guild secretary to each local society to be filled out and reported to the Presbyterial secretary. The Presbyterial secretary shall send one copy to the Woman's Board of Home Missions, one copy to the Territorial Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, one copy to the Synodical secretary for Westminster Guild and keep one copy for her own file'.

"This recommendation was approved by the Woman's Board of Home Missions and all the Foreign Boards with the exception of Philadelphia which offered the substitute recommendation:

"'That the Presbyterial Westminster Guild card be so changed as to permit of the reporting of answers to all questions asked on the local Westminster Guild blanks.'

"Student Committee - Northfield Drive A recommendation from Student Committee that it be permitted to retain the balance of $730.21 from the sum appropriated by the Boards for the Northfield Drive was approved by the seven Boards.

"Financial Report from January 10, 1919, to January 21, 1920

Jan. 10	Balance	$36.46	Feb. 27	Stenographer's bill (Minutes, Jan. 10, 11)	21.00
Apr. 9	Treas. W.B. of H.M.	37.50	Apr. 12	Printer's bill (600 stamped envelopes)	14.64
Apr. 24	Treas. Central Com.	37.50	Apr. May	Stenographer's bills	1.68
			June 21	Printer's bills (500 sheets bond)	4.00
			Dec. 22	Printer's bills (300 stamped envelopes)	8.08
				(500 sheets paper)	2.80
			Jan. 21	Postage for year	4.10
			Jan. 21	Balance	55.16
		$111.46			$111.46

"Mrs. C. B. McAfee, appointed by the chair to audit the Secretary's financial statement, later reported that the accounts had been examined and found correct."

Report of the Secretary for Publications- Miss Allis

"The year has been an active one for joint publications.

"Standards of Excellence - In accordance with permission given by General Council, your secretary asked Mrs. C. B. McAfee of the Chicago Board and Miss Parker of the Woman's Board of Home Missions to act as the special sub-committee on standards, the work of the committee being to make such changes as had been authorized by General Council and to remove all possible ambiguity of wording. The following edition was printed:

Synodical Standards of Excellence	2500	$19.25
Presbyterial " " "	6000	35.50
Auxiliary " " "	20000	63.50
Young People's " " "	10000	36.25

"Year Book of Prayer in the New Era". An edition of 12,000 of this flier was printed at a cost of $38.-

"The supply of the leaflet, 'The Department for Associate Members', being exhausted an edition of 10,000 was ordered at a cost of $75.50. Slight changes suggested by the Literature Department of the Woman's Board of Home Missions were made. Wallet for the Department for Associate Members. 8,900 wallets at a cost of $169.99 were ordered; the printing on the wallets being decided in conference with the Advisory Committee and with members of the Philadelphia Board.

"Collection Envelopes. 13,390 of these envelopes for the Department for Associate Members were printed at a cost of $22.09.

"Visitors' Cards for Department for Associate Members. 7000 costing $55.50.

"Of the Year Book flier, 'Daily Reminder', prepared by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, an edition of 30,000 was printed costing $96.-

"Of the Home and Foreign Missionary Programs for Joint Societies prepared by Mrs. D. E. Waid, 6000 were printed at a cost of $181.-

"For special use in connection with the Jubilee and New Era Campaigns, the 'Four Months' Work and Study Programs' was printed, an edition of 20,000 costing $123.-

"'Twelve Monthly Programs for Christian Endeavor Societies', the 1920 programs, have been printed, an edition of 6700 at a cost of $223.61.

"Westminster Guild Publications - Of a new edition of 'Westminster Guild in Outline', 4010 were printed at a cost of $79.75.

"The special programs, "Westminster Guild in Many Lands', an edition of 3500 costing $87.50.

"'Hints for 1919-20,'an edition of 6100 costing $87.-

"'Annual Report of the Westminster Guild for 1918-1919'. 3100 costing $19.75.

"4200 copies of the September number of the 'Westminster Guild Bulletin'

were printed at a cost of $186.90, of the December number 4500 costing $208.75.

"5000 Westminster Guild Registration Blanks were printed costing $22.19

"5000 Westminster Guild Study Enrolment Cards at a cost of $26.75

"Of the Bible Study Program 'Reconstruction' 2100 copies were printed at a cost of $100.- To this should be added the honorarium of $20.- paid to Mrs. Bronson, the author.

"A second edition of 'Westminster Guild in Many Lands' was called for.

"'Golden Gifts', the special Jubilee-New Era booklet for Westminster Guild, an edition of 12,000 was printed at a cost of $351.-

"For use in the membership drive of the Westminster Guild two folders are now in the printer's hands; 'The Westminster Guild' and 'You are Needed', instructions to organizers, editions of 5000 and 4000 respectively have been ordered.

"As a part of unfinished business your Secretary will in the immediate future place orders for Westminster Guild pledge cards and mite boxes both of which are called for by the Boards.

"Year Book of Prayer for Missions - Much time and thought were given by your Secretary to the Year Book of Prayer for Missions, especially to securing an attractive cover design. Acknowledgment is due the Darling Press for their unfailing courtesy in working out all suggestions given them, and to Mr. E. P. Bissell, Germantown, architect, whose frindly criticism of the drawing submitted made possible the really artistic cover that we now have. In accordance with the suggestions of General Council, items of narrative and equipment prefacing each station on the Foreign side, add greatly to the value of the book. The printers' strike coming just as final corrections were being made in the page proof delayed the delivery of the book for several weeks. Again we would express our gratitude to the Darling Press for giving the Year Book precedence over all other contracts. The edition is 33,560 for which the bill is $4324.03, a cost of $.129 per copy.

"One of the recommendations from the Woman's Board of Home Missions to the meeting of General Council, June 1918, was not fully understood by your Secretary and has only been partially carried out. The recommendation referred to is that one person have all business dealings with the printers. Your Secretary took this to mean acceptance of estimates and placing of contract.. Conversation with Miss Quinlan develops the fact that her intention in framing the resolution was that the material of both editors be handled by a third party who should make the set-up, read proof, etc. This would seem the logical method in order to secure balance between opposite pages. Whether better balance is important and can best be secured by this method is wothy of consideration.

"Annual Report Blanks - Mrs. McCrone of the Philadelphia Board and Miss Sheibley of the Woman's Board of Home Missions were appointed by the Chairman a special sub-committee on annual report blanks. The main changes in the blanks made by this committee are the printing of a large 'F' on the Foreign blanks and a large 'H' on the Home to aid in bringing home to the recipient the necessity of the two reports. 'Increase' and 'decrease' proving unintelligible, 'net increase' alone is used on the woman's blanks and 'this year' and 'last year' on the young people's. Space is given on the Y.P. Presbyterial cards for reporting points attained by the societies on the Y. P. Standard of Excellence and on the synodical cards for the number of societies attaining 8 pointsand 10 points on the same standard. An estimate based on the quantities ordered last year was secured with the discovery that the increased cost of paper and labor just about equalled the cheaper printing rates of Philadelphia as compared with New York.

"Advisory Committee - The committee appointed by the chairman consisted of Mrs. D. E. Waid, Miss Parker, succeeded by Miss Sheibley, representing the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and Mrs. Schell and Miss Foster representing the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions. A meeting was held March 21, 1919, at which the questions referred to the Secretary for Publications in consultation with the advisory committee were considered and action taken. It was the intention of your Secretary to call her committee together this fall to make recommendations regarding the Year Book to this body but the late appearance of this book make this impossible.

"Again your Secretary would ask forbearance for work left undone. The need for a joint Little Light Bearers' remains unsupplied. No-one with artistic ability to design the picture for this card has come forward; children's literature remains a need, also a mite box for children. She would express her gratitude for the cordial cooperation from the Advisory Committee and from the seven Woman's Boards that has made the work a pleasure."

Report of the Secretary for Westminster Guild - Miss Ogg

"Since the last annual meeting of General Council, the regular routine work of the Westminster Guild has gone on.

"Study Courses - The Study courses were selected. In consultation with the Westminster Guild Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, the textbook, 'Christian Americanization', read in galley proof, was recommended for Chapters. The helps prepared by Mrs. Waid on this book for women's societies were adopted for Guild use. There was no book for the Circle age on this theme so it seemed wise to compile a packet of leaflets under the caption, 'Experiments in Americanization', and use a special outline for study. Mrs. Waid and Miss Petrie did the major part of the work on these studies. In the process of preparation they were submitted frequently to your secretary.

"The Westminster Guild sub-committee of Executive Committee on Central Committee of the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions recommended for Chapters 'A Crusade of Compassion' and for Circles 'Ministers of Mercy'. Miss Lucy Porter prepared the study outline on the former book and submitted them to your secretary during the summer. Special study outlines were prepared also for the Circle Book.

"Your secretary met with the chairman of the Westminster Guild sub-committee of Executive Committee of Central Committee of the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions, Mrs. Schell, and the chairman of the Westminster Guild Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, Mrs. Waid, to talk over plans for the Bible study for this cufrent year. A general idea was evolved which was presented to Mrs. F. S. Bronson who undertook to prepare a set of twelve studies. These studies, under the caption, 'Reconstruction', were completed in the early summer. We feel they are excellent.

"Publications - The annual financial report and 'Hints' were prepared by your secretary. She read and made suggestions for the new edition of 'Westminster Guild in Outline' and for 'Westminster Guild in Many Lands', prepared by the two committees. A new and fuller edition of 'Golden Gifts', setting up Shoudjou and Vedado, prepared by Mrs. Waid and Mrs. Schell, was edited. This was ready for distribution early in the summer.

"The Westminster Guild Bulletin has appeared at its usual times and seems to be liked by its subscribers in spite of increase in price of subscription from fifteen to twenty-five cents a year.

"Stereopticon Slides - Five sets of stereopticon slides were finally completed, boxed in safe cases, four sets sent to the four western Boards and one set retained at the headquarters of the Woman's Boafd of Home Missions. These were shipped the first of August and the lecture to accompany the slides was mailed the first of

October. A few requests for the slides have reached your secretary. It is hoped that a wide use of the slides may be found helpful since they have been put forth at a total cost to Boards of $176.75. For their use one dollar rental and cost of postate both ways is asked from the Chapter or Circle.

"Joint Meeting - One joint meeting of the two Guild committees, representing Home and Foreign Missions was held on March 19, 1919. At this time the matter of report blanks was taken up and it was recommended, as an experiment for one year, that four identical local blanks be filled out by each society, that one be sent by the presbyterial secretary to the Woman's Board of Home Missions, one to the territorial Board of Foreign Missions, one to the synodical secretary for Westminster Guild and that one be retained by the presbyterial secretary. Other matters already referred to were taken up at this meeting.

"Budget - According to the recommendation of General Council at its meeting January 10, 11, 1919, a budget was adopted for the Westminster Guild for the fiscal year 1920-21. After consultation with the two interests involved, a total budget of $50,000.- was set, $25,000.- for Foreign Missions and $25,000.- for Home Missions, in adjusting certain synodical apportionments, $500.- have been added to each interest, making a total budget therefore of $51,000.- It is earnestly hoped that this new step toward assigning equal apportionments will prove beneficial, in an organization for which the standard of equal gifts has been set up. A more joint method of arriving at synodical apportionments must be discovered. This year, having agreed upon the total sum, the Woman's Foreign Boards accepted the synodical division made by the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

"Missionaries - Mrs. Greig, Mrs. Thurston, Dr. Allyn and Miss Morrison are now on furlough in this country.

"Miss Harriet Stroh, niece of our Miss Rumsey of the Board of the Northwest, has been added to the Guild family. She sailed in September for China, having been assigned to the Kiangan Mission. She is now at the Language School in Peking. Miss Stroh was named by the Board of the Northwest.

"Miss Virginia Mackenzie, named by the North Pacific Board, sailed in August under assignment to Japan. After a month in the country, she was appointed to active school work in Shimonoseki.

"Both these new missionaries as well as Mrs. Hanna, then on furlough, we saw at the conference for out-going missionaries at the Board rooms in June.

"The Superintendent, Miss Shafer, and Principal, Miss Sidebotham, of Dorland-Bell School, North Carolina, were at headquarters in April.

"Miss Tilford and Miss Nicklesen from Kirkwood Memorial School, Ganado, Ariz., were at headquarters during their vacation. Miss Murphy, teacher at the same school, we met at General Assembly in St. Louis.

"Drive - During November and December a drive for membership and for new organizations was set in motion in the territory of the Board of the Northwest; Philadelphia Board followed with a desire for a drive. The Home Board had felt that it could not pursue a policy in a certain section of the country to the exclusion of other sections, therefore a national drive was planned for January, February and March.

"It is hoped most earnestly that this extra effort, throughout the country will 'band together for worldwide service of Christ and the Church the young women of our denomination" -- a great unused force, needed at this hour for the new era of world missions.

"Our 24,000 young women are doing a splendid piece of work but as we pass over this organization to other hands for its guidance, we count this number only a nucleus of the force that may be and see the opening of a great future for the Presbyterian young womanhood of our land.

"At Rallies where your Secretary has spoken, such as that for young people in St. Louis during General Assembly and the presbyterial young people's gathering

for Mrs. Hanna in Washington, D. C., in June much enthusiasm was expressed for the organization. Large results are expected."

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Report of Student Committee - Miss Purves, Chairman

"The Committee on Student Work begs to present the following report for the year ending January 21, 1920:-

"There have been nine regular meetings of the committee during the year.

"The months of February and March were taken up largely with preparations for the World Fellowship Campaign, the Y.W.C.A. Conference at Evanston, a few short trips by Miss Laughlin, and a trip through the colleges of Iowa by Miss Cheek.

"On April 1st, Miss Laughlin gave up her work as Student Secretary after four and a half years of splendid service to the church and the students in our colleges, and Miss Florence Tyler took her place with the new title of Executive Student Secretary.

"The principal work of the spring months was the World Fellowship Campaign in which it was agreed that our secretaries should as far as possible carry out the plans made, presenting the Women's College at Tokyo in Presbyterian colleges. A large part of the field was practically covered, Miss Tyler visiting the colleges in the Southwest territory, Miss Cheek the eastern, and Ohio colleges, while Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Silverthorn covered the Northwest territory, and Mrs. Seeley took care of the colleges of the North Pacific states. Some of the colleges asked to have the campaign put off until the fall, and returns from these are still coming in. The amount of money raised for Tokyo as the result of this campaign is still uncertain. $960.- had been reported on December 1st, $850.- more has been pledged, and will come in, and there are still some colleges to be heard from. We are hoping that the total will be well over $2000.- May I quote from a letter received from Mrs. Frank Gaylord Cook, Student Secretary of the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions? --- 'With the exception of the Methodists who made their student campaign in connection with their Centennary Movement, your denomination is the only one that reports anything approaching success in the World Fellowship Campaign. You have, it seems to me, a very fine organization and set of workers.'

"During the summer the committee was represented at the six Y.W.C.A. Student Conferences. At Silver Bay we had Miss Cheek and Miss Purves, at Eaglesmere, Miss Tyler; at Geneva, Miss Cheek; at Hollister, Miss Tyler; at Asilomar, Mrs. Wickett of the Occidental Board, and at Seabeck Mrs. Seeley of the North Pacific Board. At these conferences there was a total registration of about 2200 students, of which 359 were Presbyterians. Many of these girls were eager for individual conferences, and expressed their interest not only in the work of their church, but also their desire to do their part on the mission field or in their home churches.

"On September 1st, our secretarial staff was completed with the coming to us of Miss Mary Eliza Clark, who came to New York from California, visiting some of our Home Mission schools on the way. With three secretaries, it was now possible to begin the new policy of having an Executive Secretary to head up the work and keep the office open, while the Field Secretaries travelled through the colleges, and three months' experience has shown that much has been gained by this plan.

"Miss Tyler has been able to carry on the correspondence so necessary in our ever expanding work, plan schedules, speak at many meetings, and represent student work at many conferences and committee meetings. Especially valuable has been the possibility of having our work represented in the Stewardship of Life

Department of the New Era, and in the Advisory Committee of the Life Work Department of the Interchurch World Movement, where plans have been made for recruiting workers for the various fields of service in the church.

"The Executive Secretary has, also, sent out letters to Board Student Secretaries suggesting various plans and methods for promoting their work, letters to Synodical Presidents telling them when the Field Secretaries would be in their territories, and letters to the President of the Y.W.C.A. in Presbyterian colleges suggesting closer intercourse between the Student Office and the Missionary Committee of the Student Association, and offering help in arranging the missionary program for the college year. It is hoped by this policy to come into closer touch with our Presbyterian colleges, and to bring the students into more intimate relationship with their Boards. It is also hoped to get them to put Tokyo and Smith, Kentucky, on their regular missionary budgets. Some have already done this with Tokyo, much interest having been aroused during the World Fellowship Campaign, and we hope to arouse the same interest for Smith.

"Miss Cheek has spent the fall months visiting the colleges of Washington, Oregon and Wyoming, stopping at colleges in North Dakota and Montana on the way out. Mrs. Seeley very kindly arranged her itinerary on the Pacific coast and allowed her to make her home her headquarters while in that territory.

"Miss Clark, after a month in the office, made two short trips, one to New England, and one to Swarthmore and Goucher colleges, then started out for a trip through Pennsylvania and Ohio, coming back to the office just before Christmas.

"The past month has included the Student Volunteer Conventions at Des Moines, where all three secretaries represented our work, visits to Presbyterian colleges in Iowa, South Dakota, and Minnesota by Miss Clark, the Interchurch World Survey Conference at Atlantic City, where Miss Tyler and Mrs. Harris represented the committee, the Federation of Boards of Foreign Missions with Miss Clark in attendance, and the Council of Women for Home Missions where Miss Tyler represented us.

"The total number of colleges visited during the year is 97, the largest number visited in any one year since the work was started. This represents the work of our secretaries, and the colleges covered by Mrs. Seeley, Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Silverthorn during the Fellowship Campaign.

"Publicity material for the year includes articles in the Home Mission Monthly, Woman's Work, Everyone and the New Era Magazine, a leaflet for use of Boards and women's societies, and the preparation of a news bulletin to be issued twice a year for the students, to promote our Presbyterian work, especially Tokyo and Smith, and to let the girls know what other Presbyterian girls are doing in the different colleges. It is hoped to have the first issue ready early in February.

"Mrs. Fleming resigned the chairmanship of the committee in May because of her absence from New York during the coming year. We are glad to say thst she is still considered a member of the committee, and that we shall have her services when she returns to this vicinity. The committee has, also, accepted with great regret the resignation of two of its members, Mrs. Louderbough and Mrs. Twitchell. In Mrs. Louderbough's place from the Woman's Board of Home Missions we have Miss Dorothy Harrison, and in Mrs. Twitchell's place Mrs. Ernest Hall, formerly Board Student Secretary for the Occidental Board. Mrs. Webb, of the New York Board, has consented to fill Mrs. Fleming's place until her return, so our membership is complete once more.

"In summing up the year's work, your committee feel that its outstanding features have been the splendid work done by our secretaries in an ever increasing number of colleges, and their ever widening circle of influence among our college girls, the growth of our work on the administrative side, and the ever closer co-operation with the other agencies of our church, and of other denominations. Not too much can be said, also, of the fine work of the Board Student Secretaries who are cooperating so efficiently with the committee, and who are doing so much to enlist the college girls in their territories in definite church work. It has been a year of real progress, and of preparation for the year of even greater service which we feel is before us."

Report of Committee on Over Sea and Land - Miss Foster, Chairman

"When the Committee for Over Sea and Land presented to the January 1919 meeting of General Council the request that the magazine be allowed to increase its subscription price from twenty-five to thirty-five cents, the committee believed that the granting of this privilege would put the magazine on a self-supporting basis, quite free of financial support from the Boards.

"This has, however, been a hard year on all periodicals and Over Sea and Land has suffered with others. It has been found desirable to have the printing done out of New York, but even with this change the cost of production has increased enormously, while that of paper has kept pace in advancing. Unfortunately any budget can be but tentative if we are to continue the publication, for no one seems to be able to tell where prices for labor and material will go.

"This coming year we hope to have the full benefit of the increase in subscription price. It has taken time to drive home to our constituency the advance in price, the more because that constituency is ever changing. The children who read Over Sea and Land will grow and consequently outgrow the magazine.

"Our subscription list has well held its own and we feel that we can count on 22,000 for the coming year. We present a budget with a fairly certain deficit of $200 and a probable one of $400. We do not ask you to meet it till it occurs, but we do ask you to continue your subsidy of $1000 yet another year. That will keep us going till we know where we stand."

Upon motion all the above reports were accepted.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Committee on Scholarships in Training Schools - Mrs. Bennett, Chairman

In the absence of Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Lee presented the following:

"Report of special committee appointed by General Council to place before the Boards the pressing need for scholarships in training schools and suggested plans for receiving gifts as special funds for financing scholarships. The committee to which this matter was entrusted after corresponding with the Boards makes the following report:

"Southwest Board - 'Our Board has no scholarship fund from which to help candidates. Very rare requests for assistance in that line come to us. I believe there have been cases when we have advanced small sums form our Emergency Fund'.

"Northwest Board - 'The Board of the Northwest has $4000.- which is designated as Medical Scholarship Fund. We keep this fund instead of investing in a scholarship in a special school in order that the candidate may be sent to the college of her choice. The choice has usually been the Rush Medical College here in Chicago. A small yearly cash grant is available for the candidate who may be using the scholarship. There are three Nurses' scholarships open to Missionary candidates. They are held by the Presbyterian Hospital Womans Board and carry with them $10 a month in cash for each girl after her probationary period is over.'

"Philadelphia Board - 'Our Board has two full scholarships and one partial one which I understand is not available. Besides these we are often given the use of two or three scholarships of the Penna Medical Society and just now have, I believe, two nurses' scholarships from the Society. When I came into my present office I found we had in our Home Accommodation Fund about $28,000.- We were just planning to accept Liberty Bonds for Jubilee gifts and in order to do that we

felt we must either dispose of them at market value or arrange some way by which we could hold them and yet be prepared to turn them into cash in a very short time. We found that the income of $25,000.- was really enough for our Home Accommodation Fund, so asked the Board for the present to limit that fund to $25,000.- and allow the excess over that and all that should accrue to it from our war sinking fund that could be used to cash in our Liberty Bonds. (I may say this fund consisted of one-third of undesignated legacy money.) We have in our War Sinking Fund about $15,000.- and some we have had the thought of disposing and investing that in scholarships after our Jubilee Fund is completed.'

"New York Board. Has assumed one scholarship at the Bible Teachers' Training School, New York City.

"North Pacific Board replies: 'We are not carrying scholarships at the present time.'

"Occidental Board not heard from.

"Woman's Board of Home Missions. This Board has set aside for the current year $5000.- to be used for scholarships of fellowships for such young women as desire to do work among foreign speaking people in this land. The candidates must be college graduates. Courses under the fellowships can be taken in any place mututally agreed upon by the candidate and the Committee of the Board which has charge of this. The Board is not planning any fund the interest of which may be used for such fellowships but is rather planning to secure the amount needed each year as a special fund. This is the first year in which the Woman's Board has undertaken such work and it is, therefore, still an experiment.

"The above information having been secured, the Committee gave consideration to the formulation of such plans as would be applicable in all parts of the country and such as might meet with the wishes of the Boards. The question immediately came as to why the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church did not assist young women as well as young men to complete their education when they desired to do work in the mission field. One member of the Committee reported a conversation with the Secretary of the Board of Education who has given as a reason for the Board's policy for educating young men only that 'the percentage of loss is much greater with girls than with boys.' After discussion of this matter, this Committee has determined to ask General Council to empower the Committee to approach the Board of Education formally with the backing of the seven Woman's Boards of Missions asking them to make a definite plan to assist girls who are planning to devote their lives to Christian service as well as boys in both college and vocational training."

Upon motion of Mrs. C. B. McAfee, seconded by Miss Fraser, the report was accepted and the recommendation requesting General Council to empower the Committee to approach the Board of Education, approved.

Committee on Percent of Increase - Mrs. Goss, Chairman

The Committee presented no report. Mrs. Lee presented the following statement from Central Committee:

"That it is the wisdom of Central Committee that the General Council rule regarding equal percents of increase should be abolished so that both interests may be free to base their annual increase upon their own needs."

Upon motion of Mrs. C. B. McAfee, seconded by Miss Hallock, this recommendation was accepted after amendment by the addition of the phrase "with the understanding that both interests be requested to confer before sending out the budget."

Committee on Reorganization of Westminster Guild Committee - Mrs. Louderbough, Chairman

Mrs. Louderbough presented the following recommendation:

"That the present administration of Westminster Guild be continued until after the reorganization of the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions", stating that "it was thought of the committee, that in the presentation of Missions to young people, it is desirable that there should be in every way possible a single approach.

"The committee expresses the hope that after the reorganization of the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions the way may be clear to establish a committee on Young People's Work, with such joint Field and Headquarters executives as shall put into operation this principle."

Upon motion this report was accepted, and the recommendation approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Year Book of Prayer - Disposal of Unsold Stock

Upon motion of Mrs. Lee the following substitute for the recommendation on the docket was accepted: "In handling the Year Book of Prayer each interest shall assume full responsibility for its own orders."

Correction in Minutes of Meeting of January 10, 11, 1919

At the suggestion of Miss Allis it was voted to insert the word "Presbyterial" before "Secretaries for Literature" in paragraph d under Year Book of Prayer on page 13.

Magazine Subscription Day

At the request of Mrs. C. B. McAfee, the question of the feasibility of having a Magazine Subscription Day was withdrawn from the Docket.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Westminster Guild

a. Lantern Slides

In reply to the request of the Secretary for Westminster Guild "that General Council make some ruling as to the financial arrangement regarding Westminster Guild slides, as to replacing the broken slides since the rental goes to the Board handling the set", it was voted that "the rental for slides should go toward replacing broken slides".

b. Provision for Carrying on Work

The recommendation "that General Council make special provision for carrying on Westminster Guild work during the interval of readjustment of the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions" was not acted upon as General Council had made such provision in adopting the recommendation of the Committee on Reorganization of Westminster Guild, "that the present administration of Westminster Guild be continued until after the reorganization of the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions."

2. Student Work

Thefollowing recommendations were presented by Miss Purves:

a. Cooperation in Follow-up Program

"The Lifework Department of the Interchurch Movement is planning as a Follow-up Program of the Student Volunteer Convention at Des Moines an extensive campaign in the colleges and High Schools throughout the country for volunteers for all forms of church work. This department is planning to cover 500 colleges and universities in three day conferences, between February 15 and May 1, conducted by teams of five (three men and two women). Student Committee, having been invited to cooperate in this campaign, would recommend to General Council, that it be authorized:

(a) To use its secretaries in this movement
(b) To expend if necessary what remains of its travel budget for this purpose."

Upon motion this was approved (with the understanding that by far the greater part of the cooperation of Student Committee will be in the colleges and universities.")

b. Finances

"The disparity between the ending of the fiscal year of Student Committee, and of the Board creates a financial embarrassment for the Treasurer of Student Committee, there being no funds available for conducting the work of Student Committee in the interim. Student Committee therefore recommends that it be allowed to retain any funds on hand March 15 to apply on the budget on the following year."

Upon motion, this recommendation was approved.

c. Cooperation with Boards of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches.

"On November 1st and 3rd a meeting was held by the Executive Committees and Boards of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church and Reformed Churches of America to discuss the forming of one Board of Foreign Missions in place of these five Boards. The realize that it is possible to cooperate at once in candidate work, and plans were made for common headquarters, and a united rally at the Student Volunteer Convention at Des Moines. They also hope to have Field Secretaries who can appeal for the needs of all those Boards. They were interested to know that Presbyterian women had such a department in Student Committee. In view of this desire for closer cooperation in candidate work, on the part of the Foreign Boards, Student Committee recommends that it be allowed to cooperate as far as possible as their plans develop."

Upon motion Student Committee was requested to cooperate to the fullest extent.

d. "Proposed Budget

Rent	$360.-
Salaries	4,800.-
Travel	3,500.-
Postage	150.-
Telegrams	75.-
Stenography	250.-
Stationery & Printing	300.-
Sundries	65.-
Total	$9,500.-

Upon motion approved.

e. Imprint

Upon motion Student Committee was granted permission to use the following imprint on the leaflet, "The College Girl and her Church" --- "Committee on Student Work of the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., Room 636, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York."

3. Over Sea and Land

Proposed Budget

Manufacturing and Circulating	$5500.-
Office Expenses and stationery.	150.-
Postage	50.-
Wrappers	150.-
Advertising	150.-
Salaries	3100.-
Total	$9100.-

Assets	
22,000 subscriptions at $.35 ..	$7700.-
Subsidy from Boards	1000.-
	8700.-

The recommendation of Over Sea and Land Committee "that the Boards continue yet another year the one thousand dollars appropriated in former years for the support of the magazine" was adopted upon motion of Mrs. Lee "with the understanding that General Council will meet any deficit up to the amount stated in the report", namely, $200.- to $400.-

4. Finacning and Distributing Joint Publications

Upon motion it was voted that the following be placed upon the Minutes --

"That Secretaries of Literature of the Boards and Office Secretaries who have to do with the sending out of literature between Boards be reminded of the ruling of General Council that 'Literature shall be charged for at cost plus transportation'. (Minutes May 31, June 1, 1918, page 12)."

5. Consolidation of Home Mission Monthly and Woman's Work

In reply to the request of the Missionary Society of the First Church of

Hollywood, Los Angeles, California, that the missionary magazines "be consolidated and appear under one cover", it was voted upon motion of Mrs. Louderbough that the chair appoint a committee to investigate the whole question of consolidation of the magazines.

At 12:30 General Council adjourned to meet at 2 p.m.

Afternoon Session

At 2:20 General Council reconvened.

Mrs. Harris followed by Miss Ogg opened the session with prayer.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

6. "What and When"

The request that the calendar of work entitled "What and When" published by the Woman's Board of Home Missions be made a joint publication was presented. General Council while cordially approving the leaflet and feeling it might be most helpful as a joint publication voted upon motion of Mrs. McAfee, seconded by Mrs. Cadwalader, to "defer action until after formation of the new Foreign Board."

7. Standard of Excellence

Upon motion it was voted "that the year upon which the Standard of Excellence is reckoned agree with the date for returning of the report blanks, the only exception being the Treasurer's blanks."

8. Equal Apportionments to Synodical Societies

The request "that General Council plan some way of sending equal apportionments, Home and Foreign, to the Synodical Society of Michigan" was considered.

Upon motion of Mrs. McAfee it was voted "that General Council reply to Michigan's request for equal apportionments by saying that the following action has been taken: 'That the rule regarding equal percents of increase should be abolished so that both interests may be free to base their annual increase upon their own needs, with the understanding that both interests be requested to confer before sending out the budget.'" General Council cannot therefore at present accede to Michigan's request but upon motion of Miss Fraser the Chair was asked to "appoint a committee to investigate this question and if possible present some plan for sending equal apportionments, Home and Foreign, to Synodical Societies."

9. Joint Field Secretaries for Young People's Work

Mrs. Louderbough presented the following recommendations from the Woman's Board of Home Missions:

> "In view of requests from the synodical organizations of California and Tenneseee for joint field secretaries for young people's work, the Woman's Board of Home Missions recommends to General Council that as an experiment

in the work for young people such a joint field secretary be secured for the fiscal year 1920 to begin work in the synodical society of California.

"That the work of this secretary include summer Conferences and winter Institutes for young people, and the promotion of all phases of young people's work through regular channels of the Woman's Boafds of Missions.

"That in order that there be the utmost cooperation such secretary keep in closest touch with secretaries at Board headquarters responsible for young people's work.

"That General Council refer to a committee with power the selection and salary of such secretary, the method of arranging her itinerary and the persons or Departments to whom she shall render reports.

"Should this experiment prove successful, the Woman's Board of Home Missions recommends that the principle of joint approach to young people's organizations be put into operation wherever possible."

After discussion it was voted upon motion of Miss White, seconded by Miss Hallock, that this matter be referred to the Continuation Committee.

It was also voted upon motion of Miss Fraser that all matters which earlier in the meeting General Council voted should be referred to committees appointed by the Chair, should be referred to the Continuation Committee.

10. Continuation Committee

Upon motion of Mrs. McAfee, seconded by Mrs. Lee, it was voted that the following action regarding the organization of an ad interim committee approved by all the Woman's Boards be adopted as a substitute for the recommendation of the Unification Committee regarding the future relationship of the Woman's Boards:-

a. That the present officers and committees of General Council hold over until the business of the Annual Meeting of January 21st has been completed. That is, until the minutes have been sent out, the Boards have reported action on the same and these actions have been reported back to the Boards.

b. That immediately on the completion of this routine, General Council shall suspend its present activities and a committee of six made up of three from Central Committee and three from the Woman's Board of Home Missions be appointed to act on any matters of common interest until such time as the readjustment of the Foreign Boards makes it possible to determine what shall be the next step in relation to General Council.

Upon motion it was voted "that the Woman's Boards of Missions shall cooperate in the reorganization of General Council."

11. Definition of Membership in Local Societies

Mrs. Waters was asked to write a letter to Troy Presbyterial Society, expressing the regret of General Council that it cannot act favorably upon the recommendation regarding a new definition of membership, and giving the reasons therefor.

12. Missionary Education

The following minute from the Conference of the Educational Secretaries of the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions was presented:-

"The question of the rate of credit to be given for study classes on the Standard of Excellence was brought up and the following recommendation was voted to be sent through Central Committee to General Council:-

"Recommended that on the Standard of Excellence a full point be allowed for mission study classes and a half point for the other forms listed on the enrolment card.

"Mrs. Faries brought up a question as to the wording of the Presbyterial Standard of Excellence in regard to the rate of increase in study classes.

"It was voted to send a recommendation to General Council that when the Standards are reprinted the Educational Secretaries be consulted in regard to this point.

"Mrs. Gildersleeve moved that because of confusion caused by the column on the blanks for Secretaries for Literature calling for the number of mission study classes held, that the Secretaries for Missionary Education ask General Council through Central Committee that this column be omitted from the blanks. This was seconded and carried."

Upon motion the report was accepted and the recommendations approved.

The following items not on the docket were presented:

13. General Council Publications

Upon motion the following recommendation presented by Mrs. Lee was accepted by vote of five to three:

"That the Woman's Board of Home Missions for the period before the functioning of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions be responsible for the printing of all joint publications, submitting manuscript for approval and criticism to a sub-committee or individual appointed by Executive Committee of Central Committee."

14. Digest of Actions of General Council

Mrs. Lee presented the following action taken at the May meeting of Central Committee in St. Louis:-

"Recommended that the digest of General Council actions prepared by the General Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions and the Executive Secretary of Central Committee, be sent by the Secretary of General Council to the officers whom General Council deems it wise should have it and that the manner of sending the digest be made a question for the docket of the next meeting of General Council."

Upon motion of Mrs. Lee it was voted "to approve the plan followed by the Woman's Board of Home Missions and that the Secretary of General Council send these digests in bulk to Synodical Presidents, enough copies for the President and the Secretary of the Synodical Societies, the President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Presbyterial Societies, expecting the

Synodical Presidents to distribute them, and that a complete mailing list be arranged by Miss Hodge and Miss Sheibley.

15. Approach to Woman's Societies

Upon motion it was voted to reply to the request of the Stewardship Department of the Interchurch World Movement by saying "that we adhere to the agreement with the Interchurch World Movement that all approaches of the Interchurch World Movement shall be through the New Era Movement."

16. Approach to Young People's Societies

A letter was read by Miss Hodge from Mr. Hall of the Young People's Department of the Board of Sabbath School Work regarding observance of Life Inlistment Day, on February 29th, planned by the Life Work Department of the Interchurch World Movement. This brought up the whole question of approach to Young People's Societies and it was voted upon motion of Mrs. Louderbough that in case Mr. Hall requests access to Presbyterial Young People's Societies such request should be granted provided it is in harmony with the policy of the New Era, and that Young People's Societies should be encouraged to cooperate in every possible way.

17. Letter to Mrs. Bennett

Upon motion of Mrs. C. B. McAfee, Mrs. Waters was asked to write a note to Mrs. Bennett to whose vision and faith General Council owes its existence, expressing deep appreciation for all that the organization has meant to the Boards in promoting mutual understanding and cooperation, and to the constituency in the benefits that have resulted from this closer cooperation at headquarters and on the field.

After closing prayers by Mrs. McAfee and Miss White, General Council adjourned sine die.

Mabel Gordon Parker,

Secretary.

These minutes have been approved by the Chairman of General Council.

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